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Sir:

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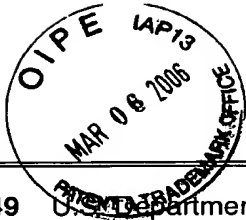
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT	
						YES	NO
	<b>JP 10-137544</b>	<b>05-1998</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>X</b>	
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